

FORC Board Meeting

December 6th, 2021

The following Board members were present:

Aaron G	President
Zachary B	Vice President
Mandy G	Race Director
Dave B	Secretary

Also present was Dave D (Trail Steward for Westbrook) and Adam P, who was named an honorary board member for this meeting after we learned he thought he was at a Make-A-Wish Board meeting.

Glen S was not available for the meeting and he e mailed his Treasurer's report, which Aaron reviewed:

The ending balance as of 11/30/21 is \$29,740. \$220 was paid for Enduro expenses, and \$550 was received from dues, donations and a shelter rebate. Expected expenses in December include \$408 for Dog Park work and \$2700 for Insurance. We expect to close 2021 with \$26,500 cash on hand.

Dave B raised a question regarding Dog Park expenses. FORC has spent more at Dog Park in 2021 than all other trail systems combined. Dave questioned whether this expenditure is commensurate with the amount of use those trails see compared to the other parks, as well as the number/length of trails. Traditionally each Trail Steward has had a budget of \$500 annually, and the group will reimburse for reasonable expenses above that number. The Board agreed a more detailed discussion of the budget process will take place at the January Board meeting.

The only present Trail Steward (Dave D) indicated he's looking for ideas for additional features to install at Westbrook. One idea presented to Dave was installing wood berms on some of the sharp curves on this trail system.

Mandy reviewed preparations for the 25th annual membership drive/party, to be held January 15th at the Credit Island Lodge. FORC will pay for all food and non-alcoholic beverages; attendees are permitted to bring any beverage of choice. Food includes BBQ pulled pork, mac & cheese and baked beans. Dave B suggested a salad be added; Mandy will look into that. Without adding salad the cost is \$12.99 per person; FORC can easily cover the cost of food/beverage assuming 150 to 200 people attend. Mandy noted we are getting use of the Lodge at no cost for this event and for the Fondo on the 29th.

Regarding the Fondo, Mandy expects registration will open soon. Cost of registration is \$20, rising to \$25 the Sunday before the event; as it was last year there will be no day-of-race registration. The registration fee will be waived for anyone who provides items for the raffle. Mandy is looking into some sort of automatic lap counting system to minimize the staff needed for this rather laborious task. Aaron noted Credit Island is overgrown with some very tall weeds and, unless we receive a good amount of snow before the 29th of January, significant effort may be required to prepare the course. The alternative is running the course largely on the shoreline, which will make for fast laps and tight grouping of the riders.

Brad M, Trail Steward for SCP, arrived late for the Board meeting. He updated the Board on the status of the newly constructed boardwalk at Tarmac.

In total 19 members attended the Membership Meeting following the board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Bowman, Secretary.